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SUBJECT: INQUIRY RE MICHEAL JEROME CYPHER

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 2831; WACKERBARTH/SOWASH TELCON

JULY 3, 1975

1. THIS CONFIRMS WACKERBARTH/SOWASH TELCON OF JULY 3, 1975.
2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED TELEPHONE INQUIRY FROM THOMAS QUIGLEY OF U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF MICHEAL CYPHER AKA PADRE CASEMIRO. QUIGLEY TOLD DEPTOFF THAT CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY ASK DEPARTMENT FOR COMPLETE REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF CYPHER. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION QUIGLEY MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY BISHOP OF OLANCHO NICHOLAS D'ANTONIO, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN U.S. AND HAS NOT BEEN IN HONDURAS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, THAT SOMEONE HAD TOLD BISHOP THAT INQUIRY HAD BEEN MADE TO THE EMBASSY AND INQUIRER HAD BEEN RECEIVED QUOTE VERY COLDLY UNQUOTE AND HAD BEEN TOLD THIS A QUOTE A CHURCH MATTER UNQUOTE.

3. DEPTOFF DREW ON REFTEL IN RESPONSE PARTICULARLY EM-UNCLASSIFIED

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PHASIZING EMBASSY LETTER TO NATIONAL POLICE AND APPOINTMENT

OF JOINT CHURCH/GOH COMMITTEE.

4. DEPTOFF SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED BISHOP D'ANTONIO IN BALTIMORE AND BROUGHT HIM UP TO DATE ON SITUATION AGAIN DRAWING ON REFTEL. D'ANTONIO RAISED MATTER OF INQUIRY AND EMBASSY'S REPORTED RESPONSE. THE BISHOP DID NOT IDENTIFY INQUIRER; HE DESCRIBED HER AS A YOUNG LADY WHO HAD RECENTLY COME FROM HONDURAS. DEPTOFF ASKED WHEN INQUIRY HAD TAKEN PLACE. D'ANTONIO RESPONDED THAT HE THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK (JUNE 26).

5. DEPTOFF TOLD BISHOP THAT EMBASSY FOLLOWING EVENTS VERY CLOSELY AND DEPARTMENT WOULD KEEP BISHOP APPRISED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

6. AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ HAS BEEN ADVISED. KISSINGER

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